

## **June 2, 2015**

# **TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

Council President Rick Ryfa called the June 2, 2015 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL:**

James Marker  
Larry Ballah  
Rick Ryfa  
Patricia Schaadt  
Stan Dobosz

### **ALSO ATTENDING:**

George Jerome - Clerk Treasurer  
Jeff Gang – Operations Commander GPD  
Don Hill – Asst Fire Chief  
Rick Konopasek – Public Works Director  
Bob Schwerd – Attorney for the Town

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Council Member Jim Marker moved to adopt the minutes of the May 19, 2015 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

1. Claims No. 1590 – 1745 in the amount of \$886,866.45 (eight hundred eighty-six thousand, eight hundred sixty-six dollars and forty-five cents) were presented for payment. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to accept the claims as presented, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. There will be a council study session on Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
2. The next council meeting will be Tuesday June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. A study session will be held at 6:30 p.m. before the meeting and one will follow if necessary.
3. There will be a Public Meeting regarding floodplain progress on July 20<sup>th</sup> – Time and location to be announced.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to approve a request from the Park Full of Art Committee to place banner on the light poles on Broad Street and other locations, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED
2. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved in response to a request from the Park Full of Art Committee for Tourism Funds to defray the cost of advertising to provide \$1,000, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED

### **REPORTS:**

1. NIRPC – No Report
2. Director of Public Works
  - a. Mosquito spraying will begin Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Public Works has also been using pellets in breeding areas to prevent gestation.
3. Police
  - a. A documentary film crew has completed filming dealing with the late 1990's murder of Wendy Gallagher.
  - b. The Times has done a video of Cpl Gutierrez and Gino
4. Fire – No Report
5. Economic Development – No Report
6. Pending Items
  - a. Council member Larry Ballah moved to hire Tom Vander Woude for the position of Director of Economic Development/Building Commissioner, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
    - i. Tom Vander Woude will start work June 15<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Council Member Jim Marker moved to approve the recommendation of the Safety Board to purchase the new Pierce Pumper from Global Emergency Products, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED

- c. Nominations were accepted for the vacant Safety Board position
    - i. Council Member Jim Marker nominated Debbie Dillon; there were no other nominations.
    - ii. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to appoint Debbie Dillon to the Safety Board, second by Council Member Jim Marker.
- MOTION CARRIED

**PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE AGENDA:**

- 1. NONE

**BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

**1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to approve Ordinance 2015-15: An Ordinance Regarding Chickens on a Residential Property, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to approve Resolution 2015-16 A Resolution Regarding the purchase of 121 N Wood Street, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED
- b. Indiana Department of Transportation and Griffith LPA agreements:
  - i. Council Member Jim Marker moved to approve the contract regarding Sign Modernization, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED
  - ii. Council Member Jim Marker moved to approve the contract regarding a Flashing Beacon at Main St and the Bike Trail, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
- c. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to approve a proposal from Robinson Engineering to create an array of Redevelopment Options for the Griffith Park Plaza, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Council President Rick Ryfa congratulated Council member Larry Ballah upon the high school graduation of his eighth, and youngest child who as Valedictorian, provide the Ballah family with a clean sweep as all seven of the older children were also Valedictorian of their graduating class

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p. m.

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JAMES MARKER

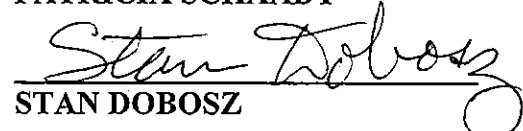


LAWRENCE BALLAH

RICK RYFA



PATRICIA SCHAADT



STAN DOBOSZ



GEORGE N. JEROME  
CLERK TREASURER